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| SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE |
| C. I. D. REGISTRY |
| I. O. D. 513 |
| Date 16/9/29 |

16/9/29.

My Dear Martin I am afraid - this does
not help much, it is far too
general & the only recorded incident
I have, was of a trivial nature
and was promptly and effectively
dealt with by Dupont. I will
bear the matter in mind and
deal with it from now on.
Thank you very much. Yours sincerely
R. J. [Signature]

Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

Shanghai. SEP 11 1929⁹²

To

My dear Clear

The attached
is forwarded for your
personal information
for what it is worth.
Please return

Yr
Edw Martin

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September, 11, 1929

Sir,

Inquiries regarding Mr. B.M. Hunting, 3rd Officer of the Municipal Fire Brigade, show that he is most unpopular with and thoroughly disliked by the other officers in the Brigade and although the personal opinion of every officer in the Brigade has not been obtained the dislike for him by the officers his junior is unanimous.

The reasons for this dislike are;

- (1) His treatment of officers junior to him.
- (2) His moral and general conduct.
- (3) His weight of influence with the Chief Officer.

With reference to the first reason the officers allege that he at times addresses them in a manner of speech that one would use to a coolie and that he has been indirectly responsible for the resignation of every foreigner that has occurred since the present Chief Officer took over command.

With regard to the 2nd reason the officers allege that his moral conduct is such that in spite of the fact that he is married he thinks nothing of attempting familiarity with the ladies who are invited to the Brigade parties, and on the occasion of the wedding of one of the junior officers recently actually made some advances to another junior officers wife. He also frequents the different cafes and in particular the Del Monte where his conduct with some of the Russian dancing partners has been open to criticism. In consequence of this conduct he has for the past two years been on indifferent terms with his wife and out of respect to the latter his moral shortcomings are withheld from her. His general conduct also seems to be of a very low standard and recently he swore at a junior officer in the presence of others because he refused to have a drink with him. This latter incident was brought to the notice of the Chief Officer who refused the complaint.

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request to take the matter before the Watch Committee. The Chief Officer, however, punished him by depriving him of the use of the Brigade Messes for two months and since that time he has frequented the Police Canteen at Central Station.

Another incident which is general knowledge throughout the Brigade is that someone about 4 months ago forged the name of Ching Loong Lee, Chief Chinese Clerk, to a cheque for £1,000. and it is now alleged that Mr. Hunting is repaying this amount by instalments to the clerk. Ching Loong Lee, however, refuses to confirm or deny this for fear of losing his job. In this connection it is important that Mr. Hunting is very efficient in the art of copying signatures and it is freely admitted that he can write the signature of the Chief Officer and the Second Officer so perfectly that when these officers are confronted with it they are unable to tell the difference.

As regards the 3rd reason the officers allege that Mr. Hunting's influence with the Chief Officer is such that it is useless for them to complain about him for fear of being misunderstood or even dismissed. They further allege that the present bad feeling shown by the Chief Officer towards the 2nd Officer is due to Mr. Hunting's intrigue and influence. As an instance of this they quote the case of the foreman tailor employed in the Brigade who was dismissed for agitation among local tailors during the recent tailors strike by the 2nd Officer and who was reinstated by the Chief Officer. The officers also state that when the Chief Officer went on his last long leave Mr. Hunting went at the same time in order to make matters as difficult as possible for the 2nd Officer.

The information contained in this report has not been obtained as the result of direct inquiry but from casual statements made, without malice, by members of the Brigade during the course of general conversation and is undoubtedly correct.

Matters, however, have reached such a stage of mistrust

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that one officer will not speak in the presence of another about Mr. Hunting nor is the conversation continued when the latter approaches.

It may be possible to get corroboration of the information in this report by interrogating Brigade officers alone and individually by someone in authority outside the Police.

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Mrs. M. W. Pett,
245 The Ridge,
Mokanahan.

Madam,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
August 16 and enclosure which will be the subject of careful
and confidential enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

(Sd) R. M. J. [illegible]

Acting Commissioner of Police.

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Mrs M. W. Pett.

"THE KOTEX QUEEN."

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"The Eurasian Sanitary Towel
and Menstruation Expert,"

"Sunset Nook",

Chekiang Province

Mohanshan.

A little more subject matter for your
expert consideration and filthy mind.

B.L. O.D.

"Sunset Peak".
245. The Ridge.
Hokanshan.
16th August 1929.

Capt. R. M. J. Martin.
Acting Commissioner of Police.
Administrative Building
Hankow Rd.
Shanghai.

Private & Confidential.

Dear Sir

By the first post this morning I received the enclosed libelous & obscene open postcard.

From the address you will see that it is meant to be insulting, & is libelous. I am placing the matter in your hands confidentially. I suspect the writer to be B. M. Hunting of the Shanghai Fire Department as he has not taken the trouble to disguise his handwriting, thinking from the very nature of the insults that I would not communicate with the Police.

I shall be at above address ^{til} the 8th Sept. After that date I shall be back in Shanghai at 634. Route Felupt. Our 'phone number is 32695.

We have some school-children guests here & they distribute the mail at the breakfast.

table every morning, & saw the postcard I
enclose.

yours faithfully

B. Pett.

(Mrs R. W. Pett)

CANADIAN PACIFIC

S.S. Empress of Asia.

I should be awfully grateful
if you would express to the Officers
Watch Tower men & Chinese staff
my very sincere thanks for the
many many kindnesses I have received
at their hands & also for the
wonderful send off they gave me.

I very much regret I was
unable to personally thank them
all personally but the send off
has been very overwhelming

I should also like to thank
you personally for all your kindness
& express to you my very best wishes.

kindest regards.

yours sincerely

B. M. Hunting